

## BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20-YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Files of The Evening Farmer)

### One Hundred Years Ago.

#### UNITED IN WEDLOCK.

In New Canaan—On the 17th, Daniel Morse to Miss Polly Warren, both of Norwalk.

In Danbury—Mr. Hiram Shepard, of Newtown, to Miss Chloe Crofut of Danbury.

#### ENTERED INTO REST.

In Norwalk—On the 17th, Mr. Walter Chichester, aged 31.

In Huntington—On the 13th, Mr. Nehemiah Curtis, aged 52.

In Danbury—On the 24th, Miss Sarah Dibble, daughter of Samuel Dibble.

#### WANTED—A TAILOR LAD.

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SAMUEL C. KIRTLAND.

#### A RUNAWAY APPRENTICE.

Ran away from the subscriber, on the 4th instant, an indebted apprentice, by the name of Winthrop Peck, about 19 years of age. All persons are forbidden harboring, trusting or employing said Winthrop, on penalty of the law. Whoever will take up said boy and return him to the subscriber, shall be entitled to one cent reward, but no charges paid.

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For Sale—A pleasant situation in Fairfield, situated within a quarter of a mile of the church, on the public road to Danbury, with a dwelling house and one acre of land of the first quality, with a good well of water with orchard sufficient to make eight barrels of cider a year and other fruit trees sufficient for a small family. The place is suitable for a mechanic. Formerly the property of Samuel Beers, late of the Fairfield and now deceased. Said place is situated with in 50 rods of the Arist-Mill and School house, and other conveniences. Terms will be made known by calling on

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#### VALUABLE FARM FOR SALE.

That excellent and well known farm, situated in the Town of Stratford, about half a mile from the borough of Bridgeport, on the east side of the Newtown Turnpike, formerly the property of Seth Sherman, deceased, contains of 75 acres of meadow plough and pasture land, and 25 acres of excellent woodland, with a dwelling-house, barn, and other out-houses thereon. Apply to

ROWLAND SHERMAN.

#### Fifty Years Ago.

A BIG "SIX POUNDER." Samuel N. Wells, the fisherman at Crofut's Landing, Putney District, Stratford, has sent us a fine Shad, taken from a lot he caught in the Holdentonic yesterday. It is a "six pounder" and one of the finest we have seen this season. Sam does not advertise in the New York Herald, but those in want of fresh Shad will find a quantity will find a proclamation from him in the first advertising columns of the Farmer. Good luck to Sam.

#### A NEW ARRANGEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the subscribers have this day entered into co-partnership in the business of printing and publishing the Daily and Weekly Farmer, and the business of Job Printing, under the name and firm of Pomeroy, Gould & Co.

WILLIAM S. POMEROY,  
JAMES L. GOULD,  
HENRY B. STILES.  
Bridgeport, May 1st, 1886.

#### THE NEW ARRANGEMENT.

The readers of The Farmer will see by the above that I have associated a couple of gentlemen with me in the publication of The Farmer and other business of the establishment. Mr. Gould is well known to the people of Bridgeport and vicinity as an Attorney-at-Law and as Judge for several years, of the Probate Court of this District. He was assistant in the editorial department of the paper. Mr. Stiles has been in the office of the New Haven Register for some 12 or 14 years, and is one of the best practical printers in the state. He will superintend the typographical work of the office.

In regard to the politics of The Farmer it is needless to say anything, save that it will be in the future as it hitherto has been, a supporter of the principles and policy of the Democratic party, and of President Johnson's administration so far as it is consistent with the Constitution and the true interests of the Union.

WM. S. POMEROY.

#### THE STATE REFORM SCHOOL.

The State Reform School continues to be well managed. The institution is out of debt, is on a good financial basis, and is economically administered. Its friends ask for an appropriation of \$5,000 for repairs and they desire the General Assembly to consider the propriety of making certain enlargements. The whole number of boys admitted since the school opened in 1854 is 979; the number discharged the last year is 145; the number of inmates at present 248. Without doubt this institution will be dealt with liberally.

#### Twenty Years Ago.

#### CUBAN GIANTS BEAT VICTORS

Rogers, Doherty and Streck Star For Local Victory Responsible For Three Runs.

The Cuban Giants met the Victors in this city yesterday and at the close of the game of the local was dangling from the belts of their dusky opponents. The score was 9 to 8. Terry Rogers, Henry Streck and Jack Doherty played in big league fashion. Doherty in left field was responsible for three of the Giants' runs while O'Rourke's throwing was disastrous. Dempsey muffed five flies and made two overthrows to home plate, one of the latter clearing the grand stand.

Ponder could have stemmed the tide of defeat but as his arm was lame

## MOTORISTS ARE EXERCISING MORE CARE NOWADAYS

Pedestrians, Too, Are Growing More Cautious of Motor Perils in Cities.

New York, May 2.—Are auto drivers growing more careful?

Are pedestrians growing more careless?

Are streets becoming so crowded through the city's growth that it is impossible to reduce the number of accidents?

Traffic experts daily studying these three questions have reached the conclusion that through regulation and education both drivers and pedestrians grow daily more careful, but they believe that unless the way is made clear for further regulation the increasing congestion in the city's streets will prevent both regulation and education.

Within the next two or three weeks Gov. Whitman is expected to pass upon a bill providing for the licensing of every resident who operates an automobile. This bill, passed through the urging of Police Commissioner Woods or the advice of his traffic board, is aimed at three classes of drivers:

The man who drives while intoxicated, the habitual speed maniac and the man who drives away without investigating an accident of which he has been the cause.

Ninety per cent of the auto drivers according to M. E. Case, secretary to the Police Department, the chief statistician, are careful and clever and know their jobs, but the other 10 per cent cause numerous accidents that could be avoided by revoking the licenses of the guilty men.

This suspension, put into the power of the police magistrate by the new bill, will be the penalty for offenses that bring injury to pedestrians. Behind this bill stands the Automobile Club of America, the Motor Truck Owners and the Commercial Vehicle Owners Association. Opposed to it are the automobile manufacturers and dealers. The argument in opposition is simply that the bill would hurt business. The police aim to reduce the casualties of life in a congested city.

#### LICENSES ISSUED TO-DAY.

The following licenses were issued to-day by the County commissioners: John W. Eckel, 849 Main street; T. J. Murphy, 232 Main street; M. C. Allen, 407 Water street; John McPadden, Pembroke and Jane streets; John F. Wild, 253 East Main street; John B. Bevil, 140 Myrtle avenue; Charles E. Pickard, (drug), 314 Main street; F. E. Ballard, (drug), 589 Main street; Frank T. Prokop, (bottler), 64 Willard street; Haywood Hopper, (drug), 100 Main street; William J. Nichols, (drug), corner of Stratford and Central avenues; John F. Hinckley, corner of Seaview and Barnum avenues.

#### ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH CHOIR.

Mr. J. J. Kennedy, the harpist singer who for several seasons was a member of the quartette at St. Augustine's church, has accepted a position with the St. Patrick's church choir. Mr. Kennedy will sing bass part and will act as leader of the choir. The choir now consists of the following soloists: Sopranos—Misses Carten, Stapleton and Stafford; altos—Misses Stanley and Stearns; tenors—George Cunningham, basses—Messrs. Fred Breckbill and J. J. Kennedy. Miss Maggie Stapleton, the accomplished young organist will accompany on the organ.

#### NEWTOWN'S CASTLE RONALD.

Peter Lorrillard Ronald, of Ronald castle, Newtown, returned from his annual European trip Thursday, after a stay at his villa at Monte Carlo since last November. Mr. Ronald is much improved. It is his 21st trip abroad. Ronald castle is one of the sights of the old fashioned town. From the upper windows of the castle one can see the entire county and on a clear day can see far into New York State and over the Connecticut hills to Long Island.

#### BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

William D. Thorne and William E. Burnham are said to be slated for appointment to the board of Public Works. The first is to succeed Chas. H. Armstrong and the second to succeed George F. Somers.

#### COUNTRY CLUB'S NEW OFFICERS.

The annual meeting of the Brook-lawn Country club will be held at the club house to-morrow evening. The nominating committee have selected the following men as the new officers: President, William E. Seely; vice president, Charles Sherwood; secretary, William T. Hincks; treasurer, Herbert M. Knapp; governors for three years: DeVer H. Warner, William T. Haviland and William B. Wheeler.

#### THE BOATING ASSOCIATION.

The Bridgeport Boating association held its annual meeting last night and elected the following officers: President, Charles H. Morgan; vice presidents, George L. Butterfield, John C. Shelton; secretary, Herbert A. Hill; treasurer, Rodney S. Bassett; executive committee, George E. Winton, Amos S. Lowden, Leonard F. Orters and George Frederickson; auditors: Isaac C. Holden, Zalmon Goodsell. A house committee was appointed as follows: George L. Butterfield, Amos S. Lowden, Charles H. Pullon, Edward J. Brady was appointed janitor.

#### TEMPORARILY EMBARRASSED.

Business men in general will regret to learn of the temporary embarrassment which has overtaken the well known firm of Rogers & Morford, wholesale grocers, at 469 Water street. Yesterday afternoon application was made to Judge F. B. Hall for the appointment of a receiver. Morford is the son of former Mayor Jarratt. Morford of this city. The firm of Rogers and Morford was established in 1875, the senior partner being Noah Rogers and George Morford the junior partner. Jarratt Morford was the senior member of the firm of Morford & Trebbie. The firm is by no means in solvent and business will be continued as usual at the old stand.

#### Some people's idea of healthful exercise at garden work is sitting on lawn chair and telling the hired man where to dig.

About now the vegetarians are telling us to give up meat, and if a diet of carrots, parsnips and beets does not agree with you, all you have to do is to eat beets, parsnips and carrots.

The fact that a soldier may make a heroic attack on the trenches in Europe does not prove that he would dare go up in a United States army aeroplane.

#### It is about time for the politicians to show their quadrennial concern about the welfare of your family.

#### SPRING FLOWERING PLANTS.

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## MAY DAY FESTIVAL

Blood and blossoms; tears and tias; ferocity and flowers—thus, by alliteration's artful aid, one may characterize one of the oldest of the world's festivals, May Day.

It was a day chosen by innocent youth for care-free frolics in the open when the queen of the May was crowned with a tiara of posies, and her loyal—if somewhat envious—subjects danced about May-poles and sang and played games and renewed their acquaintance with Rhus Toxicodendron and Rhus Diversiloba, commonly known as poison ivy and poison oak.

And it was also the great annual for the medievalists and red revolutionists of the world, when bearded and long-haired men and short-haired women met in secret conclaves to plot against the existing order, or hold open meetings at which heads were often broken and blood is shed.

On this side of the Atlantic the old English observance of May Day as the children's holiday was for a time permitted to lapse into decadence, but it is now being revived all over America and many are the May parties that will be held during the month of May.

For many families May Day has still another significance, a tragic one for the heads of the household, the first of May has long been a popular moving day.

The double significance of May Day, as a festival of innocent joy and sinister rites, may be traced back to the beginning of written history. "The abomination of the Ammonites," referred to in Scripture, meant the May festival of the Ammonites, at which the people paid homage to their god Moloch. The Syro-Phoenicians had a similar May Day observance in honor of their principal male divinity, Baal. Bonfires were built to propitiate the sun gods, and into these infants and young children were hurled. After the performance of this human sacrifice the frantic worshippers, men, women and children, danced naked about phallus. Such was the terrible and obscene origin of the innocent dance of the May-poles. Indescribable orgies followed the dance, when the populace gave way to the wildest abandon.

The next notable observance of May Day in the pages of history is the guise of the ancient Roman Floralia, which was instituted in the year 241 B. C. on account of a bad harvest. The festival was dedicated to Flora, the goddess of fertility. On the day of the celebration the people filled the amphitheatre. The program was initiated by the appearance of a procession of beautiful girls, clad in garments which completely concealed their figures, and a temple was dedicated, and the women threw aside their cloaks and, wearing gay smiles and nothing more, began a wild dance. This was but a mild and tame beginning of a day which developed a state of unbridled license which shocked even many of the Romans. It may be added that a Roman of that period was not easily shocked.

The Phenicians, who were great travelers, spread their May Day observances throughout a large part of Europe, and in the forests of Germany and France and in England, Scotland and Ireland our semi-savage ancestors observed the day with fearful rites. This custom is still adhered to in parts of Ireland, the Scottish highlands and in Cornwall. Some Englishmen still refer to May Day as Beltane, thus perpetuating the name of the Druidic god.

In medieval times an important feature of May Day was the "bringing in the May." Young men visited the woods and secured branches, which they placed in front of the homes of their lady-loves. At a later period this pilgrimage to the forests became general among all young people, and its romantic significance was forgotten.

The many quaint and interesting customs connected with the old English observance of May Day, include Morris dancing and the crowning of a Queen of the May, have been revived in recent years, and are now observed in many cities and colleges in the United States and Canada.

May Day as a labor holiday or as a day for workmen's demonstrations is of recent origin, although an sporadic instance of this kind occurred nearly four centuries ago. What is called in English history the "Evil May Day" of 1517 was marked by a riot of the laborers and apprentices of London, and was directed against foreigners. After a turbulent uprising the rioters were dispersed. Lincoln, their chief, and fifteen others were hanged, and four hundred others were bound in stocks and sent to Westminster. Their piteous pleas for mercy touched the heart of King Henry VIII, who pardoned them.

Although the union workmen of America now celebrate Labor Day, in 1888, President Samuel Gompers advocated the setting apart of a certain

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day as a labor holiday; when the toilers of America should agitate for an eight-hour day. The first of May, 1880, was the date chosen. Following the American example, the French Labor Congress chose the same day for a national demonstration of the solidarity of labor. The American Labor Day movement came to nothing, and when it was revived a September date was chosen. In France the observance of the first of May was a great success, from the viewpoint of the Labor Congress.

The first international observance of the first of May as Labor Day was just a quarter of a century ago, the International Workingmen's Congress at Brussels having called upon its adherents in all lands to adopt the French holiday. When the Congress met in Zurich in 1893 the movement was well established, and its purpose was extended "as a means of demonstrating the brotherhood of the workmen regardless of nationality, creed or race, and their earnest demand for peace," and to "protest against the criminal acts of the capitalist class in bringing about war." This resolution now seems ironical in view of the fact that the workmen of Europe are, on this May Day, demonstrating their "brotherhood" by slaying each other. In recent years great processions of revolutionists and socialists have been held on May Day in Paris, London, Berlin, Vienna, Brussels, New York, Montreal, Rome, Buenos Ayres and other cities. In many of the European capitals the apprehensive authorities kept the cavalry in waiting round the corner on May Days, but this year the cavalry and the workers are fighting shoulder to shoulder in defense of the principle of nationality.

Governor Whitman attended a rally of more than 3,000 Boy Scouts of America at the Seventy-first Remiment armory in New York.

German has apologized to Switzerland for violation of Swiss territory last Wednesday by a German aeroplane.

## DIAMONDS Are Trumps

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**Old Time Witchcraft.**  
Jane Wenham was indicted at the Hertfordshire assizes on March 4, 1712, for "conversing with the devil in the form of a cat," under the provisions of the act of 1604, repealed in 1736. Her accusers, who were twelve in number, indicted for practicing witchcraft to the harm of Ann Thorn, a servant girl sixteen years old, but this was not allowed, although evidence was produced at the trial to show what injury had been done the victim by means of crooked pins and by placing cakes and cats' hair in Ann Thorn's pillow and how the prisoner had caused the death of some cattle simply by walking through a turnip field.

The jury brought her in "guilty," and Justice Powell passed sentence of death, but took steps to quash the verdict. Wenham's prosecutors published an account of the case, but their arguments were pulverized by scientific men. Jane Wenham herself was liberated and taken under the protection of Colonel Plummer, who gave her a cottage, and we are told by Dr. Hutchinson that in 1720 the whole country was fully convinced of her innocence.—London Spectator.

**Snubbing a Grand Duke.**  
When the Russian Grand Duke Sergius, who was blown to pieces with a dynamite bomb, was governor of Warsaw he thought it would be a good idea if the people of that city would contribute to a fund with which to buy sunflower seeds to be given to the Russian soldiers, who are very fond of chewing them. Sergius announced that every one sending money would be given a receipt, but those sending 1,000 rubles (\$510) or more would be thanked personally by himself. It is said that the response was excellent; but, though no one sent in 1,000 rubles and asked to be thanked personally by the grand duke, many sent in 500 rubles and asked for the receipt.—London Telegraph.

**Mercy Is Not Strained.**  
He (brutally)—Women have no sense of humor, anyhow. She (pointedly)—Oh, yes, they have! The reason they don't laugh at the funny things they see is because they don't want to hurt the poor things' feelings.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

**Might Work.**  
"Wife, why don't you hire a better cook?"  
"We can't offer enough salary to entice one away from our rich neighbors."  
"Well, can't you draft one from the minors?"—Exchange.

**Genuine Faith Cure.**  
Towne—Do I understand you to say that Spencer's case was really a faith cure? Browne—Yes. You see, the doctor and the druggist both trusted him.—Exchange.

**Different Typewriters.**  
Agent (entering office)—I've an attachment for your typewriter, sir, which I— Busy Man—Well, settle it with her. Your love affairs are no concern of mine.—Boston Transcript.

**None For Her.**  
Uplifter (at front door)—Wouldn't you like to take the initiative— Lady of the House—We're taking more magazines than we can afford now.—Detroit Free Press.